revamped. Further, one number of Air Turbo Compressor (ATC) and one number of Oxygen Turbo Compressor (OTC) are also proposed to be installed in the Oxygen Plant at Bokaro Steel Plant. For these projects, 'in-principle' approval have been accorded by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in March' 2005 at an estimated cost of Rs. 102 crore and Rs. 81 crore respectively. The final approval will be accorded after finalization of tenders which are in progress. Thereafter, the revamping of Sinter Plant-II at BSP and one number of Air Turbo Compressor (ATC) and one number of Oxygen Turbo Compressor (OTC) in the Oxygen Plant at Bokaro Steel Plant will be completed in 33 months and 20 months from the date of final approval respectively. Necessary funds have been allocated for both the projects. After revamping of Sinter Plant-II the gross sinter production will be 3.1 million tonnes per annum. The capacity of new ATC and OTC will be 90,000 Normal metre cube per hour (Nm^3/hr) and 15,000 Nm^3/hr respectively.

(e) The revamping of Sinter Plant-II at Bhilai Steel Plant will help in increasing production of sinter which is turn will contribute to additional production of 77,732 tonnes per annum of pig iron. The ATC and OTC at Bokaro Steel Plant are being installed to meet the oxygen requirement for steel production.

Steel production

4795. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to unstarred Question 607 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 2005 and state:

(a) the details of concrete plan to achieve the target of steel production by over 100 million tonnes per annum by 2020;

(b) whether the iron ore reserves of the country are sufficient to meet the target;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps proposed to be taken thereon; and

(d) the role assigned to public sector steel companies in achieving the target particularly to Salem Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The proposed National Steel Policy envisages an indigenous production of over 100 million tonnes of steel by 2019-20 and seeks to remove the supply-side constraints to the growth of this industry in an open, globally integrated and competitive environment in order to achieve the goal. After

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the Policy is approved, a concrete action plan to achieve the given targets is expected to be prepared by an empowered Group of Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Steel Minister.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is estimated that 190 million tonnes of iron ore would be required for producing 110 million tonnes of steel by 2019-20. Additional mining capacity would be developed to ensure availability of the required quantity of iron ore.

(d) The proposed NSP seeks to remove bottlenecks towards achieving the level of growth envisaged by 2019-20 for the steel sector. While it addresses the constraints for growth in the different segments of the steel industry, it does not specify growth targets at the plant level.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. **Reports and Accounts (2002-2003) of Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pune and related papers.**

II. **MOU (2005-2006) between Govt. of India (Ministry of Steel) and various steel companies**

III. **MOU (2005-2006) between Govt. of India (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and various chemicals and fertilizer companies.**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Forty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL), Pune, for the year 2002-2003, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers: